

# Owner of Plane at Center of Charlie Kirk Shooter Conspiracy Theory Speaks Out

Following Kirk's death on Sept. 10, online speculation began to arise regarding a private jet departing Provo Airport shortly after the shooting took place

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The owner of a private jet at the center of a Charlie Kirk shooter conspiracy theory is speaking out

Derek Maxfield, the CEO of an online marketing company, says his family was "unfairly impacted" by "inaccurate" and "false" theories regarding his company's plane

In a social media statement, Maxfield said flight crews followed all standard procedures and FAA guidance

The owner of a private jet at the center of a conspiracy theory about [Charlie Kirk's](#) killer is speaking out.

Derek Maxfield — the CEO of Komigo, an online marketing company — shared a statement on social media following [online speculation](#) that a plane registered to his business' address would have been used to kill the conservative leader, who is still at large, flee the scene after the conservative influencer was shot at a Provo, Utah, airport on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Authorities have [identified a person of interest](#), but have still not apprehended

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“As often happens, unfortunately, in the wake of such terrifying and public events, a variety of baseless theories and suspicions around Mr. Kirk’s murder immediately took hold on social media, including one that has unfairly impacted our family,” Maxfield wrote on [social media](#) the afternoon of Sept. 11.



L: FBI's surveillance image of suspected Charlie Kirk shooter; R: Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University.  
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As law enforcement continue the search, online sleuths began hypothesizing about the suspect's escape from the scene, leading some to the Provo Airport (PVU), a public-use regional airfield less than 15 minutes drive from UVU's campus.

Social media users pointed to a private jet that departed the airport about an hour after the shooting, which took place around 12 p.m. local time. According to [FlightRadar24](#), a private Bombardier Challenger 300 departed PVU around 1:11 p.m. local time.

Around 1:43 p.m. local time, as the jet approached the northern border of Arizona, the plane turned off its Automatic Dependent Surveillance- Broadcast (ADS-B), which provides positioning information between the aircraft and air traffic control. Tracking information for the aircraft reappeared shortly after 2:30 p.m. local time as the plane departed Page Municipal Airport (PGA) in Arizona back towards Provo. The plane landed back in Provo at 3:06 p.m. local time, according to [FlightRadar24](#).

According to information provided by the [Federal Aviation Administration](#) (FAA), the plane's registration shares an address with Maxfield's company Komigo.

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Provo Airport/Instagram

the Provo Airport (PVU) for Page, AZ, pursuant to a prescheduled flight plan,” Maxfield detailed in his Instagram post.

and seven additional passengers boarded the jet for the return trip to Utah — where his company is located.

approximately 10 miles from landing at PGA, which is consistent with generally accepted standard practice when flying in and out of non-towered airports like PGA,” he wrote.

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inaccurate, false and without any credible basis of any kind," Maxfield wrote, noting, "To our knowledge, no one associated with yesterday's flights by N888KG has been contacted by law enforcement."

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